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**A method of manufacturing jelly products having fibrous texture.**

A method of manufacturing jelly products having fibrous texture resembling to fruit pulp, wherein at least a first liquid material adjusted to pH 4.0 or less and containing at least a kind of proteinous material selected from the group consisting of those originating from eggs, milk and soya beans, and a second liquid material containing at least a kind of gum selected from the group consisting of xanthan gum, gum arabic and pullulane and at least a kind of gelling agent selected from the group consisting of agar, furcellaran, and carrageenan are separately prepared, then they are mixed at a temperature higher than the gelling temperature of the gelling agents used, and cooled for gelling. An additional liquid material including material derived from fruit and/or vegetable, for example fruit or vegetable juice, can be added to the mixture of said first and second liquid materials in such a manner that said first and second liquid materials are mixed and after fibrous textures are actually formed in the resultant mixture, the additional liquid materials are added to the mixture while it maintains its flowability.

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## A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING JELLY PRODUCTS HAVING FIBROUS TEXTURE

## FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a method of manufacturing jelly products having fruit-like fibrous texture wherein a plurality of liquid materials are separately prepared, the resulted liquid materials are mixed at a temperature higher than the gelling temperature determined by the gelling agents used in said liquid materials, then the resulted mixture is cooled for gelling.

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Heretofore many attempts have been made to give fresh fruitlike texture to jelly products. In accordance with one of the most typical methods, fruit pulps are actually mixed to a liquid material for preparing jelly products. In this method, however, it is required to use a considerably large proportion of pulps in the ingredients for the products to get the aimed texture and to minimize shearing force applied to the liquid material in the manufacturing process to reduce destruction of fibrous texture of the pulps. These requirements, however, contradict to each other, since increase of the pulp content results in increase of viscosity of the liquid material which in turn results in increase of shearing force to be applied to the pulps in the liquid material and to increase destruction of fibrous texture of the pulps during the process. Thus this method is not applicable to the cases wherein fruits having soft texture such as melons, peaches and bananas are used.

There has been methods wherein jelly products are made imitate fruit-like texture without using textures originating from fruit pulps. One of typical methods is freezing/thawing method (cf: Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Gazette Nos.57(1982)-189653 and 57(1982)-36950) More particularly, jelly is freezed to form ice crystals in a gel texture, and after making the ice crystals grow to a desired extent for partial destruction of the gel texture, the freezed jelly is thawed to form partially destroyed and partially undestroyed texture to thereby form fibrous texture as a whole. This method, however, has such a defects that a large scale installation for freezing and thawing is required when the method is worked out in industrial scale and that it is difficult to manufacture fibrous jelly products having uniform quality due to non-uniform growth of ice crystals caused by slight or subtle variations of freezing conditions such as temperature, speed, and time for freezing.

Another typical method is that fibrous texture is formed using some combination of gelling agents (cf: Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Gazette Nos. 59(1984)-1 59745 and 59(1984)-159746) More particularly, fibrous texture is formed by mixing a first liquid material containing gelatin and a second liquid material containing at least a gelling agent selected from the group consisting of carrageenan, furcellaran, low methoxyl pectin and agar-agar under acidic condition for reaction therebetween. The effects of these methods are that the formation of fibrous texture and furthermore solidification of the mixture of said first and second liquid materials cannot be assured depending upon slight or subtle variation of the reaction conditions such as temperature and agitation during the reaction process, since the optimum temperature range in which the fibrous textures are formed in the mixture of the first and second liquid materials is very close to the gelling temperature of the mixture.

In order to solve the problems encountered in the conventional methods, the inventors of the present invention have exerted their efforts to develop a new and simple method which is well suited for industrially manufacturing jelly products having fibrous texture in uniform quality, and achieved to complete the present invention.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is an object of the invention to provide a simple method for industrially manufacturing jelly products having fibrous texture in uniform quality.

In accordance with the present invention, at least two kinds of liquid materials are separately prepared.

A first liquid material contains at least a kind of proteinous material selected from the group consisting

of those originating from eggs, milk and soya beans and adjusted to pH 4.0 or less.

A second liquid material contains at least a kind of gum substance selected from the group consisting of xanthan gum, gum arabic and pullulane and at least a kind of gelling agent selected from agar-agar, furcellaran and carrageenan and having a pH value which may cause the pH value of the mixture of said two liquid materials to become equal to or less than 5.0.

The first and second liquid materials are mixed to form fibrous textures.

Any other conventional ingredients for jelly products such as acids, sweeteners, other seasonings, flavours, coloring agents, small quantity of materials derived from fruit and/or vegetable, for example, juice, pulp, puree of fruit and/or vegetable and the like can be included in said first and/or second liquid materials, however, they can be added to the mixture of said first and second liquid materials in the form of an additional liquid material in which one or more of them are included. In the case that a large quantity of materials derived from fruit and/or vegetable are used, it is preferable to prepare an additional liquid material in which one or more of them is included then to add it to the mixture of said first and second liquid materials after fibrous texture is formed therein, since substances, such as pectin, contained in fruit and/or vegetable may disturb the formation of fibrous texture.

When mixing of liquid materials at least one of which includes one or more gelling agents is made, they are mixed together at a temperature higher than the gelling temperature determined by the gelling agents used in said liquid materials. After all the liquid materials are mixed, the resultant mixture is cooled for gelling.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

One or more kinds of proteinous materials to be used in the present invention are selected from those derived from eggs, milk and soya beans. One or more kinds of gelling agents to be used in the present invention are selected from the group consisting of carrageenan, furcellaran and agar-agar. One or more kinds of gum substances to be used in the present invention are selected from the group consisting of xanthan gum, gum arabic and pullulane. These materials are available in the market.

A first liquid material can be prepared by dispersing one or more kinds of the proteinous materials in water and adjusting its pH equal to or less than 4.0 by adding acid thereto. A quantity of the proteinous material should be included in a first liquid material to give a protein content equal to or more than 0.02 wt.% in the mixture of first and second liquid materials. Preferably, the resultant liquid is heated to a temperature more than 65 °C for pasteurization.

A second liquid material can be prepared by dispersing one or more kinds of the gum substances and one or more kinds of gelling agents into water. A quantity of the gum substance should be included in a second liquid material to give a percentage equal to or more than 0.02 wt.% of the gum substance in the mixture of said first and second liquid materials. A quantity of the gelling agent should be included in a second liquid material to give a percentage 0.1 - 1.0 wt.% of the final product.

Any other conventional ingredients for jelly products such as acids, sweeteners, other seasonings, flavours, coloring agents, small quantity of materials derived from fruits and/or vegetables, for example, juices, pulps, purees of fruit and/or vegetable and the like can be included in said first and/or second liquid materials, however, they can be added to the mixture of said first and second liquid materials as an additional liquid material in which one or more of them are included. In the case that large quantity of materials derived from fruits and/or vegetables are used, it is preferable to prepare an additional liquid material in which one or more of them are included then to add it to the mixture of said first and second liquid materials after fibrous textures are formed therein, since substances, such as pectin, contained in fruits and/or vegetables may disturb the formation of fibrous bodies. It should be noted that, when one or more materials derived from fruits and/or vegetables are added to the first or second liquid material, there is an upper limit of the quantity to be added. However, when they are added to the mixture of said first and second liquid materials, there is no limitation of the quantity to be added.

All the liquid materials other than the first liquid material are so adjusted as to cause the pH value of the resultant mixture of the concerned liquid materials to become equal to or less than 5.0. The selection of the gelling agents and the gum substances to be used are determined taking by the mouthfeel, taste and texture of the final products into consideration.

When mixing of liquid materials at least one of which includes a gelling agent is made, they are mixed together at a temperature higher than the gelling temperature of gelling agents used in second liquid materials.

All of these liquid materials can be subjected to sterilization or pasteurization by heating.

Thus prepared liquid materials are mixed and caused to form fibrous textures therein, then cooled to a temperature equal to or lower than 10 °C for gelling to prepare jelly products having fibrous texture. More particularly, mixing of said first and second liquid materials may produce fibrous textures in the resultant mixture, and one or more gelling agents included in second liquid material may solidify the mixture.

Only an inevitable condition for the mixing of second liquid material which includes gelling agent is to adjust the temperatures of the respective liquid materials higher than the gelling temperature of the mixture.

Mixing of said first and second liquid materials is preferably be made under a proper agitating condition which may result a laminar flow and may eliminate or minimize turbulent flow. When batchwise mixing is made, for example, a 1000 l capacity tank with an anchor type agitator can be adequately used under 18 - 72 r.p.m. which may generate laminar flow. When line mixing is made in pipe lines, for example, it is preferable to control the flow velocities of liquid materials in the pipe lines so as to eliminate turbulence substantially after they flow together. A desirable agitating condition can be determined by taking Reynolds number into consideration.

It will be understood from the forgoings that in order to simplify the method, it is preferable to use only two liquid materials, one containing proteinous materials and the other containing gum substances and gelling agents.

When a material derived from fruites or vegetables is to be added, it is preferable to add it as an additional liquid material after said first and second liquid materials are mixed and fibrous textures are formed therein.

Any other additional ingredients can be included in any of the liquid materials.

The mixture of the liquid materials can be filled into containers and sealed them prior to cooling.

Now some of exemplifying tests will be described for better understanding of the present invention.

## TEST 1

The purpose of this test is to exemplify the effects of variations in pH value of the first liquid materials to the formation of fibrous texture.

### (1) PREPARATION OF TEST SAMPLES

#### (1-1) PREPARATION OF FIRST LIQUID MATERIAL

Seven samples of 2.0 wt.% aqueous solution of skim milk having different pH values as shown in Table 2 were prepared by adding different quantities of 10 wt.% aqueous solution of citric acid thereinto. Respective samples were heated to 80 °C for 10 minutes, then cooled to 30 °C

#### (1-2) PREPARATION OF SECOND LIQUID MATERIAL

A quantity of a sample of the second liquid material having the composition as shown in Table 1 was prepared by dispersing the ingredients into water, heating the resultant mixture to 100 °C for 10 minutes, and then cooling to 70 °C.

Table 1

xanthan gum	0.10 wt.%
sodium citrate	0.20 wt.%
agar-agar	0.40 wt.%
water	99.30 wt.%
Total	100.00 wt.%

## (2) PREPARATION OF JELLY PRODUCTS

Having mixed 22 g of the respective samples of the first liquid materials into seven lots of the second liquid material each weighed 78 g, seven samples of liquid mixtures were prepared. The temperatures of the respective liquid mixtures were about 65 °C. The resultant mixtures were respectively cooled to 10 °C for gelling. The resultant jelly products were observed with the naked eye for evaluation of their texture.

## (3) THE RESULTS OF THE TEST

The results of the test are shown in Table 2.

Table 2

pH of 1st liquid material	pH of liquid mixture	evaluation of jelly texture
2.5	4.2	⊙
3.0	4.5	⊙
3.5	4.7	⊙
4.0	5.0	○
4.5	5.2	x
5.0	5.4	x
5.5	5.6	x
Note: ⊙ : fibrous textures of 5 - 10 mm long being uniformly suspended ○ : fibrous textures of 1 - 5 mm long being uniformly suspended x : observed no fibrous textures		

## (4) CONCLUSION

From the results shown in Table 2, it will be understood that fibrous texture can be formed when the first liquid materials were adjusted to pH 4.0 or less.

## (5) SUPPLEMENTAL TEST AND THE RESULTS THEREOF

The purpose of this supplemental test is to exemplify the effects of variations in pH value of the first liquid material in relation with the variations in pH value of the second liquid material to the formation of fibrous textures.

Various samples of the second liquid materials having different pH values were prepared by adjusting the pH of the second liquid material prepared in Test 1 by adding aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide or citric acid thereto. Having used the resultant various samples of the second liquid material and the seven samples of the first liquid material prepared in Test 1, jelly products were prepared in the same manner as in Test 1. The results were the same as shown in Table 2. In other words, fibrous textures were formed when the first liquid materials were adjusted to pH 4.0 or less, even though the pH value of the mixtures of said first and second liquid materials were equal to or less than 5.0.

## TEST 2

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The purpose of this test is to exemplify the effects of the variations in pH value of the mixture of said first and second liquid materials to the formation of fibrous textures.

### 5 (1) PREPARATION OF TEST MATERIALS

#### (1-1) PREPARATION OF FIRST LIQUID MATERIAL

10 A quantity of a sample of 2.0 wt.% of aqueous skim milk solution was prepared by dissolving skim milk into water in the same manner as in Test 1. The resultant solution was adjusted to pH 3.5 by adding 10 wt.% aqueous solution of citric acid. The resultant solution was heated to 80 °C for 10 minutes, then cooled to 30 °C.

#### 15 (1-2) PREPARATION OF SECOND LIQUID MATERIAL

Seven samples of the second liquid material having different pH values as shown in Table 3 were prepared in the same manner as in Test 1. Each of the samples were heated to 100 °C for 10 minutes, then cooled to 70 °C

### (2) PREPARATION OF JELLY PRODUCTS

25 Having used the respective samples, jelly products were prepared in the same manner as in Test 1.

### (3) RESULTS

30 The results are shown in Table 3.

Table 3

sample No.	Ingredient of second liquid material					pH of the mixture	evaluation of jelly texture
	xanthan gum	sodium citrate	agar	water	total		
1	0.10	0.10	0.40	99.40	100.00	3.7	◎
2	0.10	0.15	0.40	99.35	100.00	4.1	◎
3	0.10	0.20	0.40	99.30	100.00	4.5	◎
4	0.10	0.25	0.40	99.25	100.00	5.0	○
5	0.10	0.30	0.40	99.20	100.00	5.5	x
6	0.10	0.40	0.40	99.10	100.00	5.8	x
7	0.10	0.60	0.40	98.90	100.00	6.0	x
Note: ◎ : fibrous textures of 5 - 10 mm long being uniformly suspended ○ : fibrous textures of 1 - 5 mm long being uniformly suspended x : observed no fibrous textures							

### 55 (4) CONCLUSION

It will be understood that the fibrous textures were formed when the liquid mixtures were adjusted to pH 5.0 or less.

### 5 TEST 3

The purpose of this test is to exemplify the effects of the kinds of proteinous material to be contained in a first liquid material to the formation of the fibrous textures.

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#### (1) PREPARATION OF TEST MATERIALS

##### 15 (1-1) PREPARATION OF FIRST LIQUID MATERIAL

Seven samples of the first liquid material each containing one of the proteinous materials as shown in Table 4 were prepared in the same manner as in Test 2.

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##### (1-2) PREPARATION OF SECOND LIQUID MATERIAL

A quantity of a sample of the second liquid material was prepared in the same manner as in Test 1

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#### (2) PREPARATION OF JELLY PRODUCTS

Having used the samples prepared, a plurality of jelly products were prepared in the same manner as in Test 1.

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#### (3) RESULTS OF THE TEST

35 The results are shown in Table 4.

Table 4

sample No.	ingredients of the first liquid material				evaluation of jelly textures
	proteinous material	citric acid	water	total	
8	skim milk 1.8%	0.6%	97.6%	100.00%	◎
9	whey powder 4.2%	0.6%	95.2%	100.00%	◎
10	gelatin 0.6%	0.6%	98.8%	100.00%	x
11	egg white 5.7%	0.6%	95.5%	100.00%	○
12	egg yolk 3.9%	0.6%	95.5%	100.00%	◎
13	soybean flower 1.8%	0.6%	97.6%	100.00%	○
14	wheat flower 5.7%	0.6%	93.7%	100.00%	x
Note: ◎ : fibrous textures of 5 - 10 mm long being uniformly suspended ○ : fibrous textures of 1 - 5 mm long being uniformly suspended x : observed no fibrous textures					

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(4) CONCLUSION

It will be understood that fibrous textures were formed when proteinous materials originating from milk  
5 (skim milk powder, whey) eggs (egg white, egg yoke) and soya beans (soya bean flour) were used.

TEST 4

10 The purpose of this test is to exemplify the effects of variations in concentration of protein included in  
the first liquid material to the formation of fibrous texture.

(1) PREPARATION OF TEST MATERIALS

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(1-1) PREPARATION OF FIRST LIQUID MATERIAL

20 Eight samples of the first liquid material having different concentrations of protein as shown in Fig. 5  
were prepared. Each of the resultant liquid was adjusted to pH 3.5 by adding 10 % aqueous solution of  
citric acid. The resultant solutions were heated to 80 ° C for 10 minutes, then cooled to 30 ° C

25 (1-2) PREPARATION OF SECOND LIQUID MATERIAL

A quantity of a sample of the second liquid material was prepared in the same manner as in Test 1.

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(2) PREPARATION OF JELLY PRODUCTS

Having used the prepared samples, a plurality of jelly products were prepared in the same manner as in  
Test 1.

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(3) RESULTS

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The results are shown in Table 5.

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Table 5

concentration of skim milk in 1st liquid materials (wt.%)	concentration of protein in the mixtures of 1st and 2nd liquid (wt.%)	evaluation of jelly texture
0.2	0.015	x
0.3	0.022	○
0.5	0.037	◎
1.0	0.075	◎
1.5	0.112	◎
2.0	0.150	◎
3.0	0.224	◎
4.0	1.36	◎
Note: ◎ : fibrous textures of 5 - 10 mm long being uniformly suspended ○ : fibrous textures of 1 - 5 mm long being uniformly suspended x : observed no fibrous textures		

## (4) CONCLUSION

From the results shown in Table 5, it will be understood that fibrous textures were formed when the first liquid materials contained proteinous material in an amount which may cause the protein content in the mixture of the first and second liquid materials to become 0.02 wt.% or more.

Having used egg white, egg yoke, soya bean flour as proteinous material, the effects of variations in concentration of protein included in the first liquid material to the formation of fibrous textures were tested in the same manner as in Test 4. The results were the same with the case wherein skim milk powder was used. In other words, fibrous textures were formed when the first liquid materials contained proteinous material in an amount which may cause the protein content in the mixture of the first and second liquid materials to become 0.02 wt.% or more.

## TEST 5

The purpose of this test is to exemplify the effects of kinds of gum substances to be included in the second liquid material to the formation of fibrous texture.

## (1) PREPARATION OF TEST MATERIALS

## (1-1) PREPARATION OF FIRST LIQUID MATERIAL

A quantity of a sample of the first liquid material was prepared in the same manner as Sample No. 8 in Test 3.

## (1-2) PREPARATION OF SECOND LIQUID MATERIAL

Five samples of the second liquid material each containing one of the gum substances as shown in Table 6 were prepared in the same manner as in Test 1.

## (2) PREPARATION OF JELLY PRODUCTS

Having used the prepared samples, a plurality of jelly products were prepared in the same manner as in Test 1.

### (3) RESULTS OF THE TEST

The results of this test are shown in Table 6.

Table 6

sample No.	ingredients of second liquid materials (%)					evaluation of jelly texture
	gum substances	sodium citrate	agar	water	total	
15	xanthan gum 0.1	0.2	0.4	99.3	100	◎
20	guar gum 0.1	0.2	0.4	99.3	100	x
25	locust bean gum 0.1	0.2	0.4	99.3	100	x
25	gum arabic 0.1	0.2	0.4	99.3	100	○
30	pullulane 0.1	0.2	0.4	99.3	100	○
Note: ◎ : fibrous textures of 5 - 10 mm long being uniformly suspended.						
○: fibrous textures of 1 - 5 mm long being uniformly suspended.						
x: observed no fibrous textures						

### (4) CONCLUSION

From the results shown in Table 6, it will be understood that fibrous textures were formed when xanthan gum, gum arabic and pullulane were used as gum substances.

### TEST 6

The purpose of this test is to exemplify the effects of kinds of gelling agents to be included in the second liquid material to the formation of fibrous textures.

### (1) PREPARATION OF TEST MATERIALS

#### (1-1) PREPARATION OF FIRST LIQUID MATERIAL

A quantity of a sample of the first liquid material was prepared in the same manner as Sample No. 8 in Test 3.

#### (1-2) PREPARATION OF SECOND LIQUID MATERIAL

Six samples of the second liquid material each containing one of the gelling agents as shown in Table 7 were prepared in the same manner as in Test 1.

## (2) PREPARATION OF JELLY PRODUCTS

Having used the prepared samples, a plurality of jelly products were prepared in the same manner as in Test 1.

## THE RESULTS OF THE TEST

The results are shown in Table 7.

Table 7

sample No.	ingredients of second liquid materials (%)						evaluation of jelly texture
	gelling agent	calcium chloride	xanthan gum	sodium citrate	water	total	
20	agar-agar 0.4	-	0.1	0.2	99.3	100	⊙
21	carrageenan 0.3	-	0.1	0.2	99.4	100	⊙
22	LM pectin 0.6	0.01	0.1	0.2	99.09	100	x
23	furcellaran 0.6	-	0.1	0.2	99.1	100	⊙
24	sodium alginate 0.5	0.01	0.1	0.2	99.19	100	x
25	gelatin 1.2	-	0.1	0.2	98.5	100	x
Note: ⊙ : fibrous textures of 5 - 10 mm long being uniformly suspended.							
○: fibrous textures of 1 - 5 mm long being uniformly suspended.							
x: observed no fibrous textures							

## (4) CONCLUSION

From the results of Table 7, it will be understood that fibrous textures were formed when agar-agar, furcellaran and carrageenan were used as gelling agents.

## (5) SUPPLEMENTARY TEST

The purpose of this supplemental test is to exemplify the effects of combined use of gelling agents selected from the group consisting of agar-agar, fucellaran and carrageenan to the formation of fibrous textures.

The supplemental test was carried out in the same manner as in test 6 except that samples of second liquid materials were prepared using various combinations of gelling agents selected from the group.

The results were the same as that in Test 6.

Jelly products having fibrous texture and palatable mouthfeel were obtained in any combined use of the gelling agents when total quantity of the gelling agents falls in the range between 0.1 -1.0 wt.% to the mixtures of the first and second liquid materials.

## TEST 7

The purpose of this test is to exemplify the effects of variations in concentration of the gum substances contained in the second liquid material to the formation of fibrous texture.

## (1) PREPARATION OF TEST MATERIALS

## (1-1) PREPARATION OF FIRST LIQUID MATERIAL

A quantity of a sample of the first liquid material was prepared in the same manner as Sample No. 8 in Test 3.

## (1-2) PREPARATION OF SECOND LIQUID MATERIAL

Twelve samples of the second liquid material each having a different concentration of gum substances as shown in Tables 8-1 8-2 and 8-3 were prepared in the same manner as in Test 1.

## (2) PREPARATION OF JELLY PRODUCTS

Having used the prepared samples, a plurality of jelly products were prepared in the same manner as in Test 1.

## (3) RESULTS OF THE TEST

The results are shown in Tables 8-1, 8-2 and 8-3.

Table 8-1

sample No.	ingredients of second liquid materials					evaluation of jelly texture
	xanthan gum	sodium citrate	agar-agar	water	total	
26	0.01	0.20	0.40	99.39	100	x
27	0.02	0.20	0.40	99.38	100	x
28	0.03	0.20	0.40	99.37	100	○
29	0.05	0.20	0.40	99.35	100	◎
30	0.10	0.20	0.40	99.30	100	◎
31	0.20	0.20	0.40	99.20	100	◎
Note: ◎ : fibrous textures of 5 - 10 mm long being uniformly suspended. ○ : fibrous textures of 1 - 5 mm long being uniformly suspended. x : observed no fibrous textures						

Table 8-2

sample No.	ingredients of second liquid materials					evaluation of jelly texture
	gum arabic	sodium citrate	agar-agar	water	total	
32	0.01	0.20	0.40	99.39	100	x
33	0.02	0.20	0.40	99.38	100	x
34	0.03	0.20	0.40	99.37	100	○
35	0.05	0.20	0.40	99.35	100	○
36	0.10	0.20	0.40	99.30	100	○
37	0.20	0.20	0.40	99.20	100	○
Note: ◎ : fibrous textures of 5 - 10 mm long being uniformly suspended. ○ : fibrous textures of 1 - 5 mm long being uniformly suspended. x : observed no fibrous textures						

Table 8-3

sample No.	ingredients of second liquid materials (%)					evaluation of jelly texture
	pullulane	sodium citrate	agar-agar	water	total	
38	0.01	0.20	0.40	99.39	100	x
39	0.02	0.20	0.40	99.38	100	x
40	0.03	0.20	0.40	99.37	100	○
41	0.05	0.20	0.40	99.35	100	○
42	0.10	0.20	0.40	99.30	100	○
43	0.20	0.20	0.40	99.20	100	○
Note: ◎ : fibrous textures of 5 - 10 mm long being uniformly suspended. ○ : fibrous textures of 1 - 5 mm long being uniformly suspended. x : observed no fibrous textures						

#### (4) CONCLUSION

From Tables 8-1, 8-2 and 8-3, it will be understood that fibrous textures were formed when the concentrations of the gum substances were 0.02 wt.% ( $0.03 \times 0.75 = 0.0225$ ) or more in the mixture of the first and second liquid materials.

#### TEST 8

The purpose of this test is to exemplify the effects of the quantity and the order of mixing an additional liquid material containing fruit juice to the formation of fibrous textures.

##### (1) PREPARATION OF TEST MATERIALS

(1-1) PREPARATION OF FIRST LIQUID MATERIAL

A quantity of a sample of the first liquid material was prepared in the same manner as Sample No. 8 in Test 3.

(1 -2) PREPARATION OF SECOND LIQUID MATERIAL

A quantity of a sample of the second liquid material was prepared in the same manner as in Test 1.

(2) PREPARATION OF JELLY PRODUCTS

(2-1) ADDITON OF APPLE JUICE TO THE FIRST LIQUID MATERIAL

Nine lots of the liquid mixture were prepared by uniformly mixing 17 g of the first liquid material and different quantity of apple juice as shown in Table 9.

The resulted mixtures were uniformly mixed with 9 lots of the second liquid material each weighed 60 g respectively. The resultant mixtures were cooled to 10 °C in a refrigerator. The resulted jelly products were observed with the naked eye.

(2-2) ADDITION OF APPLE JUICE TO THE MIXTURE OF FIRST AND SECOND LIQUID MATERIALS

Nine lots of the liquid mixtures of the firts and second liquid materials were prepared by mixing 17 g of the first liquid material and 60 g of the second liquid material respectively. The resultant mixtures were agitated for the instant with a spatula for the formation of fibrous textures therein. To the resultant mixtures, different quantities of the apple juice as shown in Table 9 were mixed. The resultant mixtures were cooled to 10 °C in a refrigerator.

The resultant jellies were observed with the naked eye.

(3)THE RESULTS OF THE TEST

The results are shown in Table 9.

Table 9

Quantities of apple juice (g)	evaluation of jelly products	
	added to 1st liq. (2-1)	added to mixtures of 1st and 2nd liq. (2-2)
0	⊙	⊙
2	⊙	⊙
4	⊙	⊙
6	○	⊙
8	x	⊙
10	x	⊙
13	x	⊙
17	x	⊙
23	x	⊙
Note: ⊙ : fibrous textures of 5 - 10 mm long being uniformly suspended. ○: fibrous textures of 1 - 5 mm long being uniformly suspended. x: observed no fibrous textures		

## (4) CONCLUSION

From the results shown in Table 9, it will be understood that there was an upper limit of the quantity of apple juice to be added when the apple juice was added to the first liquid material, whereas there was no upper limit when apple juice was added to the mixtures of the first and second liquid materials.

## (5) SUPPLEMENTAL TEST AND THE RESULTS THEREOF

Supplemental tests similar to Test 8 were carried out as follows:

- (1) The test wherein the first liquid material to which the apple juice was added in Test 8 was substituted with the second liquid material,
- (2) The test wherein the apple juice was substituted with other kinds of fruit juice,
- (3) The test wherein the quantities of apple juice to be added to the mixtures of the first and second liquid materials were further increased,
- (4) The test wherein the apple juice in the supplemental test (3) was substituted with other kinds of fruit juice.

It was confirmed that the same results were observed in supplemental tests (1) and (2). In other words, there was an upper limit of the quantity of fruit juice to be added when the fruit juice was added to second liquid material. Furthermore, it was confirmed that fibrous textures were formed in all of the jelly products in supplemental tests (3) and (4).

It can be concluded that there is no upper limit to the quantities of fruit juice to be added when fruit juice was added to the mixtures of the first and second liquid materials.

Followings are enumeration of the conditions with which jelly products having desired fibrous textures can be manufactured as exemplified by Tests 1 through 8.

- 1) conditions with respect to preparation of the first liquid material
  - a) at least a kind of proteinous material selected from the group consisting of proteinous materials originating from eggs, milk and soy beans being included
  - b) pH being adjusted to 4.0 or less

c) at least 0.02 wt% of protein content to the mixture of the first and second liquid materials being included in the first liquid material

2) conditions with respect to preparation of the second liquid material

d) at least a kind of gum substances selected from the group consisting of xanthan gum, gum arabic and pullulane being included

e) at least a kind of gelling agent selected from the group consisting of agar-agar, carrageenan and furcellaran being included

f) pH being adjusted to a value which may adjust the mixture of the first and second liquid materials to 5.0 or less

g) at least 0.02 wt% of gum substance content to the mixture of the first and second liquid materials being included in the second liquid material

h) 0.1 - 1.0 wt% of gelling agent content to the mixture of all the liquid materials being included

3) optional conditions with respect to an additional liquid material

i) an additional liquid material derived from fruits or vegetables is desirable to be added to the mixture of the first and second liquid materials after fibrous textures being formed therein.

4) conditions with respect to mixing of liquid materials

j) all the liquid materials being mixed at a temperature higher than the gelling temperature determined by the gelling agent used

Now some of preferable embodiments of the present invention will be described hereunder.

#### EXAMPLE 1

COMPOSITION OF FIRST LIQUID MATERIAL	
skim milk powder	0.40
citric acid	0.18
coloring agent (red)	0.02
flavour (peach)	0.20
water	29.20
total	30.00 Kg

All the ingredients were dispersed into water to prepare 30 Kg of first liquid material. The resultant dispersed liquid was heated to 90 °C and kept at the temperature for 10 minutes for pasteurization, then cooled to 30 °C. The pH value of the resultant first liquid material was 2.7.

COMPOSITION OF SECOND LIQUID MATERIAL	
xanthan gum	0.10
sodium citrate	0.20
carrageenan	0.40
sugar	20.00
water	49.30
total	70.00 Kg

All the ingredients were dispersed into water to prepare 70 Kg of second liquid material. The resultant dispersed liquid was heated to 90 °C and kept at the temperature for pasteurization, then cooled to 65 °C.



The pH value of the resultant second liquid material was 7.5.

The resultant first liquid material was mixed into the second liquid material under agitation with anchor type agitator at 36 rpm to obtain a uniform mixture. The temperature and pH value of the resultant mixture were 55 °C and 4.3 respectively.

After filling the resultant mixture into containers then sealing the containers, the sealed containers were cooled to 10 °C in a refrigerator to prepare jelly products.

The resultant products had the appearance of peach pulps with uniformly dispersed fibrous textures, and palatable mouthfeel and taste.

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## EXAMPLE 2

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COMPOSITION OF FIRST LIQUID MATERIAL	
skim milk powder	0.40
citric acid	0.18
coloring agent (yellow)	0.02
flavoior (pear)	0.20
water	29.20
total	30.00 Kg

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All the ingredients were dissolved into water, the resultant liquid was heated to 90 °C and kept at the temperature for 10 minutes for pasteurization, then cooled to 30 °C. The pH value of the resultant first liquid material was 2.7.

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COMPOSITION OF SECOND LIQUID MATERIAL	
xanthan gum	0.10
sodium citrate	0.20
carrageenan	0.40
sugar	20.00
water	49.30
total	70.00 Kg

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All the ingredients were dispersed into water, the resultant liquid was heated to 90 °C and kept at the temperature for 10 minutes for pasteurization, then cooled to 65 °C. The pH value of the resultant second liquid material was 7.5.

The first liquid material was mixed into the second liquid material while the second liquid material was agitated with an anchor type agitator at 36 rpm to obtain uniform mixture. The temperature and pH value of the resultant mixture were 55 °C and 4.3 respectively.

Having filled the resultant mixture into containers, the containers were sealed. The resultant sealed containers were cooled to 10 °C in a refrigerator to prepare jelly products having taste of pear.

The resultant products had the appearance of pear pulps with uniformly dispersed fibrous textures, and palatable mouthfeel and taste.

## EXAMPLE 3

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COMPOSITION OF FIRST LIQUID MATERIAL	
skim milk powder	0.40
citric acid	0.06
water	16.54
total	17.00 Kg

All the ingredients were dissolved into water, the resultant liquid was heated to 90 °C and kept at the temperature for 10 minutes for pasteurization, then cooled to 30 °C. The pH value of the resultant first liquid material was 3.2.

COMPOSITION OF SECOND LIQUID MATERIAL	
xanthan gum	0.10
sodium citrate	0.20
carrageenan	0.40
sugar	20.00
water	39.30
total	60.00 Kg

All the ingredients were dispersed into water, the resultant liquid was heated to 90 °C and kept at the temperature for 10 minutes for pasteurization, then cooled to 70 °C. The pH value of the resultant second liquid material was 7.5.

COMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL LIQUID MATERIAL	
peach juice	15.00
citric acid	0.12
flavour (peach)	0.20
coloring agent (red)	0.02
water	7.64
total	23.00 Kg

All the ingredients were dispersed into water, the resultant liquid was heated to 90 °C and kept at the temperature for 10 minutes for pasteurization, then cooled to 25 °C. The pH value of the resultant additional liquid material was 4.4.

The second liquid material was poured into 100 l capacity tank, and the first liquid material was added thereto under agitation by an anchor type agitator at 36 rpm to form fibrous texture in the mixture. The temperature and pH value of the resultant mixture were 55 °C and 4.3 respectively.

Subsequent to preparation of the liquid mixture of said first and second liquid materials the additional liquid material was uniformly mixed therein, the resultant mixture was filled into containers, then cooled to 10 °C in a refrigerator after the containers were sealed.

The resultant products had the appearance of peach pulps with uniformly dispersed fibrous textures, and palatable mouthfeel and taste.

## EXAMPLE 4

COMPOSITION OF FIRST LIQUID MATERIAL	
skim milk powder	0.40
citric acid	0.06
water	16.54
total	17.00 Kg

5 All the ingredients were dissolved into water, the resultant liquid was heated to 90 °C and kept at the temperature for 10 minutes for pasteurization, then cooled to 30 °C. The pH value of the resultant first liquid material was 3.5.

COMPOSITION OF SECOND LIQUID MATERIAL	
pullulane	0.10
sodium citrate	0.15
furcellaran	0.90
sugar	20.00
water	38.85
total	60.00 Kg

15 20 All the ingredients were dispersed into water, the resultant liquid was heated to 90 °C and kept at the temperature for 10 minutes for pasteurization, then cooled to 70 °C. The pH value of the resultant second liquid material was 7.5.

COMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL LIQUID MATERIAL	
pear juice	15.00
citric acid	0.12
flavour (pear)	0.20
coloring agent (yellow)	0.02
water	7.66
total	23.00Kg

30 35 40 All the ingredients were dispersed into water, the resultant liquid was heated to 90 °C and kept at the temperature for 10 minutes for pasteurization, then cooled to 25 °C. The pH value of the resultant additional liquid material was 4.4.

45 The second liquid material was poured into 100 l capacity tank, and the first liquid material was added thereto under agitation by an anchor type agitator at 36 rpm to form fibrous textures in the mixture. The temperature and pH value of the resultant mixture were 65 °C and 4.6 respectively.

Subsequent to preparation of the liquid mixture of said first and second liquid materials the additional liquid material was uniformly mixed therein, the resultant mixture was filled into containers, then cooled to 10 °C in a refrigerator after the containers were sealed.

50 The resultant products had the appearance of pear pulps with uniformly dispersed fibrous textures, and palatable mouthfeel and taste.

#### EFFECTS OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

55 Now it will be understood that the present invention provides a simple and industrial method of manufacturing palatable jelly products having fruit-like fibrous texture and mouthfeel with uniform quality.

# Claims

1. A method of manufacturing jelly products having fibrous texture, wherein a plurality of liquid materials are separately prepared then mixed and cooled for gelling to provide the fibrous texture for the jelly products, characterised in that

(a) a first liquid material containing at least a kind of proteinous material selected from the group consisting of those originating from eggs, milk and soya beans and adjusted to pH 4.0 or less, and a second liquid material containing at least a kind of gum substance selected from the group consisting of xanthan gum, gum arabic and pullulane and at least a kind of gelling agent selected from the group consisting of agar-agar, furcellaran and carrageenan and having a pH value which may cause the pH value of the mixture of said first and second liquid materials to become equal to or less than 5.0 are separately prepared; and

(b) said first and second liquid materials are mixed at a temperature higher than the gelling temperature of the resultant mixture, which is determined by one or more gelling agents used, to form fibrous textures in the mixture, then the mixture is cooled to form a gel having fibrous texture.

2. A method according to claim 1 wherein there is provided an additional liquid material containing material derived from fruit and/or vegetable being separately prepared and said additional liquid material is mixed with the mixture of said first and second liquid materials at the temperature higher than the gelling temperature of the resultant mixture.

3. A method according to claim 2, wherein said material derived from fruit and/or vegetable is selected from the group consisting of juice, pulps and/or puree of fruit and/or vegetable.

4. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said first liquid material contains a quantity of proteinous material so as to cause the protein content in the final products to become equal to or more than 0.02 wt.%.

5. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein a quantity of one or more gum substance is contained in said second liquid material so as to cause the gumcontent in the mixture of said first and second liquid materials to become equal to or more than 0.02 wt.%.

6. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein a quantity of one or more gelling agent is included in said second or third liquid material so as to cause the gelling agent content in the mixture of all the liquid materials to fall between 0.1 - 1.0 wt.%.

7. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the mixing of said first and second liquid materials are made under a moderate agitating condition so as to eliminate turbulant flow substantially.



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